

Public Notice

Port State Inspections

To strengthen the port state inspection, which is one of the most important tools to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, the government of the Republic of Korea amended the relevant law to allow port state inspections to be expanded in scope and coverage. As of January 31st, 2014, the amended law has become applicable to all vessels arriving at Korean ports with fish or fishery products caught in waters outside Korea's jurisdiction. Accordingly, vessel operators--Korean nationals and non-nationals alike-- seeking an entry into Korean ports are advised to take relevant measures to ensure that their vessels do not engage in IUU fishing or any other supporting activities, including the transportation of fish or fishery products originating from IUU fishing activities.

February 20th, 2014

Minister of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea

1. The legal framework supporting the expansion of port state inspections, including the Ministerial Directive on Port State Inspection, took effect as of Jan. 31st, 2014.
2. Entry Notification is to be submitted to the relevant regional office of the National Fishery Products Quality Management Service (NFQS) that has the authorities over the port of intended entry. (The list of the regional offices of the NFQS is as attached to this Notice)
3. Vessels required to submit Entry Notification are: fishing vessels; live fish freighters; reefers (with chilled or frozen shipments); container ships; passenger ships; and bulk carrier ships that have on board fish or fishery products caught in waters outside Korea's jurisdiction.
 - * If the vessel is retaining on board snow crabs, king crabs, or the processed products from these crab species, certificate(s) of origin issued by the country of origin shall also be submitted together with the Entry Notification.
4. Vessels subject to port inspections:
 - A. Vessels retaining on board fish species under the management of international/regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs);
 - B. Vessels included in IUU lists established by international/regional fisheries

management organizations or arrangements;

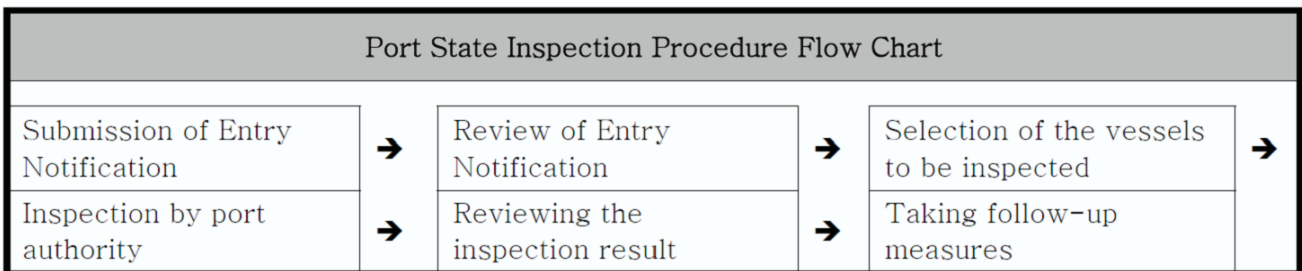
- C. Vessels for which an inspection is requested by an RFMO or a foreign government based on suspicions about their engagement in IUU fishing;
- D. Vessels against which evidence of IUU fishing operations has been established or inspection is deemed to be necessary.

5. Actions to be taken in light of inspection results:

- A. If port inspection positively identifies a vessel as having engaged in IUU fishing, unloading or transshipment of the fish or fishery products to and from the vessel will be prohibited. Inspection results will be notified to the flag state of the vessel and relevant RFMOs.
- B. Korean-flagged distant water fishing vessels, if found to have been engaged in IUU fishing, will be prohibited from departing the port and will be subject to punitive measures based on relevant laws.

6. Penalties for violation of port inspection regulations include: an imprisonment of up to two(2) years or a criminal fine of up to ten million won (approx. USD 9,300).

7. Port Inspection Procedures:



[Annex 1]

Entry Notification is submitted to one of the following offices

Office	Location	Port(s) of jurisdiction
Busan Regional Office	Busan	Busan Port, Ulsan Port
Incheon Regional Office	Incheon	Gyeongin Port, Incheon Port
Seoul Regional Office	Seoul	Seoul Port
Pyeongtaek Regional Office	Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi-do	Pyeongtaek·Dangjin Port, Daesan Port, Taean Port
Janghang Regional Office	Seocheon, Chungcheongnam-do	Boryeong Port, Janghang Port, Gunsan Port
Mokpo Regional Office	Mokpo, Jeollanam-do	Mokpo Port
Wando Regional Office	Wando, Jeollanam-do	Wando Port
Yeosu Regional Office	Yeosu, Jeollanam-do	Yeosu Port, Gwangyang Port
Jeju Regional Office	Jeju, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province	Jeju Port, Seogwipo Port
Tongyeong Regional Office	Tongyeong, Gyeongsangnam-do	Hadong, Samcheonpo, Tongyeong, Jangseungpo, Okpo, Gohyeon, Masan, Jinhae Port
Pohang Regional Office	Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk-do	Pohang Port
Gangneung Regional Office	Gangneung, Gangwon-do	Hosan, Samcheok, Donghae·Mukho, Okgye, Sokcho Port

[Annex 2]

Office Contact Information

Office	Address	Phone Number	Fax Number
Main Office	106, Haneulmaeulro, Ilsandong-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do	82-31-929-4691, 4692 or 4693	82-31-929-4777
Busan Regional Office	8, Jungang-daero 30beon-gil, Jung-gu, Busan	82-51-602-6001, 6002 or 6003	82-51-602-6004 or 6005
Incheon Regional Office	371, Seohae-daero, Jung-gu, Incheon	82-32-881-6063	82-32-881-6067
Seoul Regional Office	207, Haneul-gil, Gangseo-gu, Seoul	82-2-2663-2207	82-2-2661-7873
Pyeongtaek Regional Office	#401, Marine Center, 73, Pyeongtaekhangman-gil, Poseung-eup, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea	82-31-8053-7711	82-31-8053-7716
Janghang Regional Office	59, Jangseo-ro, Seocheon-gun, Chungcheongnam-do	82-41-956-0028	82-41-956-3961
Mokpo Regional Office	Government Complex Building #2, 130, Tongil-daero, Mokpo-si, Jeollanam-do	82-61-285-2821	82-61-285-2824
Wando Regional Office	162, Haebyeongongwon-ro, Wando-eup, Wando-gun, Jeollanam-do	82-61-550-0671	82-61-554-1147
Yeosu Regional Office	3F, 107, Yeoseo 1-ro, Yeosu-si, Jeollanam-do	82-61-655-0375	82-61-655-0376
Jeju Regional Office	3F, Jeju Regional Government Complex, 59, Cheongsa-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do, Korea	82-64-728-6306	82-64-728-6319
Tongyeong Regional Office	17, Jungnim 2-ro, Gwangdo-myeon, Tongyeong-si, Gyeongsangnam-do	82-55-646-2974	82-55-641-8205
Pohang Regional Office	229, Samho-ro, Buk-gu, Pohang-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do	82-54-246-8038	82-54-231-0095
Gangneung Regional Office	90, Jumun-ro, Jumunjin-eup, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do	82-33-660-7220, 7221, 7222, 7223 or 7224	82-33-660-7250, 7251 or 7252